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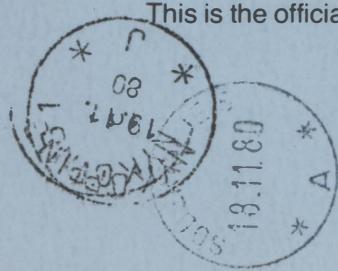
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EDITORIAL.

For the last three decades
Ufologists have viewed the U.F.O. problem
from all known angles; the extra-
terrestrial, the inner earth, time travel,
secret society, religion and so forth.

In more recent years a large percentage
of crimes has been solved with the assistance
of hypnosis, so it follows that it could be
appropriate for ufologists to try to solve
the UFO problem, at least in part, by this
technique.

It must be remembered however, that
hypnosis is only a tool to aid research, and
is not always a very reliable instrument.
Although we may appear to rely on hypnotic
techniques it should be appreciated that
errors can certainly arise either through the
method used by the hypnotist or perhaps coming
from the innermost thoughts of the subject.

It is our privilege to be associated
with leaders in this field, who enable us,
through their expertise, to keep abreast of
the latest trends in this line of research
and who themselves, state that hypnosis is
still in the experimental stage and is not
conclusive.

In this edition of the Bulletin, we will
delve a little deeper into these levels of
reality.

"U.F.O. 1980 TASMANIA" is now available. Published by the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre - TUFOIC - Price 60c. Address :- P.O. Box 99, North Hobart, 7000. Tasmania.

The following are two excerpts from TUFOIC's Annual Report.....

BUSY NIGHT AT RISDON VALE

Car pacing incidents are one puzzling aspect of the UFO phenomena, but when two such reports occur in the same area on the same night it is stretching the odds a bit too far. Could both witnesses be wrong in their efforts to identify what they had seen; did anyone else see something strange that night? Why should we get similar incidents so close together in time and location? That is one of the unanswered questions about the UFO phenomena.

Our first witness was returning home to the Eastern Shore (Hobart) suburb of Risdon Vale, crossing the Derwent River via the Bailey Bridge, then travelling on the East Derwent Highway. The date was November 8th (1978) and the time about 10.30 pm on a partly cloudy night. In fact there was light rain later that night which ties in well with the details provided by the second report.

Mr. B. was travelling alone in his 1976 Escort Van and certainly not thinking about such things as UFOs, a subject about which he knew very little. He recalls seeing a flash of silver light in his rear vision mirror after leaving the Bailey Bridge but dismissed this as a car coming up behind. The light in the mirror retained its position as he drove one kilometre to Risdon Cove. After this the road leaves the riverside and swings inland alongside a creek with scattered gum trees on either side. B. now noticed something strange...there was a yellow white-light shining onto the tops of the trees as he progressed along the road. The light behind had gone and the source of the yellow-white light seemed to be above and to his left (passenger's side). He checked to make sure his own headlights were not on high beam - they were not.

The road now reached an intersection with a right turn to the Eastern Suburbs and straight on for Risdon Vale. As B. approached the intersection a silver light shone onto the car's bonnet, the light was again from his left and its source was not visible. Things happened quickly now. Another car came from the Eastern Suburbs direction (witness's right). This car, a Charger, turned ahead of B. going the same direction up the Risdon Vale Road.

Next thing the silver light was illuminating the rear of the Charger ahead; in no time at all the driver of the Charger pulled up and B saw him getting out of the car - he was shielding his eyes and looking up at something. As B. went past the man was getting back into the car.

B. drove on, there was still light shining up into the tree tops, but then the Charger went by at high speed. As it did so, B. saw the silver light reappear on his bonnet and an oval type silver coloured shape appear in the top of his windscreen. Whatever it was he never saw the complete object. Frightened by this stage, he also accelerated up to 120 kph in an effort to get away and cover the short distance to home.

He just seemed to drive under the object and raced round the turn off for Risdon Vale. The object and light were gone and there was nothing to see any more. The Charger had since shot off on another road towards Richmond. On arriving home B. was upset but no one would believe him; also there was nothing to see anyway by this time. continued

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Some days later the second incident at Risdon Vale was reported in the papers. B's sighting finally came to the Centre's notice some months later.

SECOND SIGHTING

Some hours later in the early hours of November 9th (1978) a Risdon Vale caller reported hearing a strange droning noise. The noise seemed to be above the house for some 5 minutes before it moved away and faded to the south east.

Then at 3.15 am taxi driver Lloyd Wright encountered a puzzling shape on Sugarloaf Road as he headed back to the city from Risdon Vale (full details in TUFOIC Annual Report for 1979).

The event was all over in 10 to 20 seconds. He noticed a green shape at the roadside ahead, estimated as being 1½m tall and maybe ¾m wide at the base, it tapered to a narrower top. The shape drifted out into the road in front of the taxi. Wright's radio emitted a high pitched squeal as he braked hard on the greasy road, stopping 5m from the shape. He was shocked to see it just vanish into thin air, the radio coming back to life at the same moment.

Wright drove to the Hobart Police Station at once to report the event. They were satisfied that Wright was not making up the story, in fact he had nothing to gain from the event. TUFOIC checked the site but found nothing to account for the sighting.

Another event had occurred some days earlier at Risdon Vale (4th Nov), some boys reporting that their dog had spotted a round red object overhead whilst they were playing in the bush at dusk. The boys had taken a brief look at the object overhead and fled home. All the events occurred in a 4 day period. Since then things seem to have gone back to normal in the Risdon Vale area.

LEVELS OF REALITY AND THE UFO DISPLAY

by Dr. Leo Sprinkle, University of Wyoming.

This paper on the uses of hypnotic procedures in the investigation of UFO experiences was read to the I Congresso International de Ufologia, Brasilia, Brasil on 26-30th October, 1979. It is printed with the permission of the author.

My dear General Uchoa, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to participate in this International Congress of Ufology. And for your request that there be no smoking in the auditorium, I thank you from the bottom of my lungs!

Also, I wish to express my appreciation for courteous and generous assistance from your many friends, including your secretary, translators, reporters and photographers, and the young ladies who go about their errands looking so cool and so lovely!

I wish to express my admiration for your intellectual leadership, for your courage, and for your charm. I salute you! My thanks to my translator, Robin, for his talent and energy. Perhaps, a "Robin" and a "Sprinkle" can bring some "Springtime" to a dry paper.

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In my opinion, there is room for many investigators in UFO research: physicists, biologists, psychologists, and para-psychologists. There are many levels of experience which can be investigated: See the proposed model... (at the end of this paper).

In my opinion, the UFO experience is a "display": a display of various levels of reality, so that the witness is forced to reconsider his or her limited notions of reality.

In my opinion, the UFO experience also gently prods the UFO observer towards the recognition that he or she should become a witness: to have the courage to speak, to describe, to report the UFO sighting - often without evidence to support the claims about these "silly" and "bizarre" events. My esteemed friend and colleague, Dr. Richard Haines, suggested that those of us who claim to have observed UFO'S, and who are trying to be scientists, have a biased point of view. I agree. However, I also believe that those of us who claim we are scientists, and who are trying to become UFO observers, have a lack of first-hand information. Perhaps we can all work together and learn from each other.

Someday, I hope to attend a conference where the UFO contactees are the main speakers, and the UFO researchers sit and listen!

My initial UFO sightings (in 1950 and 1956), and my own studies of UFO witnesses during the past 17 years, have led me to several tentative viewpoints. These viewpoints have not come easily because I am slow to learn my lessons. However, through good friends, like Coral and Jim Lorenzen, Allen Hynek, and others, I have had the opportunity of talking with hundreds of people, as well as reading thousands of UFO reports. I have conducted a survey of more than 200 persons who claim to experience psychic impressions of UFO phenomena. And I have worked with over 40 persons who claim to have experienced an abduction by UFO occupants; with hypnotic techniques, we have helped each other to learn more about the significance and meaning of these UFO experiences. At this point, because of my own personal bias, I shall attempt to talk like a scientist: I shall present my views as hypotheses, or speculations, not as conclusions; also, I shall present my views through the words of another investigator.

Speculations

Here are the speculations of James E. Frazier (Personal Communication, 1978) about the significance of "contact" experience between UFO percipients and the intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon:

"Purpose of Contacts: Filtering of knowledge to people of earth.

Method of Operation: A certain type of person is being abducted and implanted with information which is to serve as a bridge to understanding the "extra-terrestrial" perspective on earth. Implantation involves an area of the mind which cannot be tapped by hypnosis unless so permitted by "extra-terrestrials". The knowledge is designed to be doled out in a step-by-step fashion, to the proper people of earth and at the proper times. This is all controlled by "keys" and "cues" implanted along with the knowledge.

Long term contact is maintained with the contactees through tensor team communication, telepathy, trances, repeated abductions and face to face encounters with "extra-terrestrials" living on earth.

Motivation of the Method: To filter information on a grass-roots level to the common people of earth. Exploitation, sensationalism and misuse of information are controlled by selecting contactees who have little use or understanding for the knowledge. Also, each contactee is given a "bit" of knowledge, "or piece of the great puzzle" requiring that he/she unite with other contactees and combine the knowledge with facts already established by earth scientists.

A primary concern is to let "earthlings" do the hardwork of research, analysis and application of the knowledge so that we do not become "lazy" and sycophantic with relation to the "extra-terrestrials".

Relationship Dynamics Between Extra-Terrestrials and Earthlings:

The dynamics of the relationship are similar to a counseling and guidance paradigm. The guidance involves psychological guidance leading to self-determinism and spiritual-metaphysical experiences, along with scientific knowledge and technical application of knowledge.

The Body of Knowledge: The information can be classified into four or five basic areas:

1. Archeological, involving clues to re-study of pre-history events and patterns of society.
2. Geological, involving earthquakes and land mass shifts.
3. Meteorological, involving current weather conditions as they are affected by magnetic forces.
4. Genetic, involving cloning.
5. Biological, involving extension of life-span, regeneration of tissue and general "body-building" of man.
6. Scientific, involving space travel - Their Way - electromagnetic fields of earth and their relationship to bio-magnetic fields and their combined relationship to electromagnetic properties of matter, energy and thought.
7. Spiritual knowledge involving experiences of consciousness beyond the body: telepathy and other paranormal phenomena. Each Contactee is given his or her own piece of this vast body of knowledge; she/he is instructed to research the past civilizations of earth and discover indications that this knowledge did, in fact, exist on earth at one time. The she/he is challenged with presenting the knowledge again to mankind, in a way that proves beneficial to all mankind, without causing division or exploitation with the people and societies and governments of the world.

If true, this is a brilliant plan and leads us by logic to shift study from UFO sightings and contactees - to the knowledge presented through contactees.

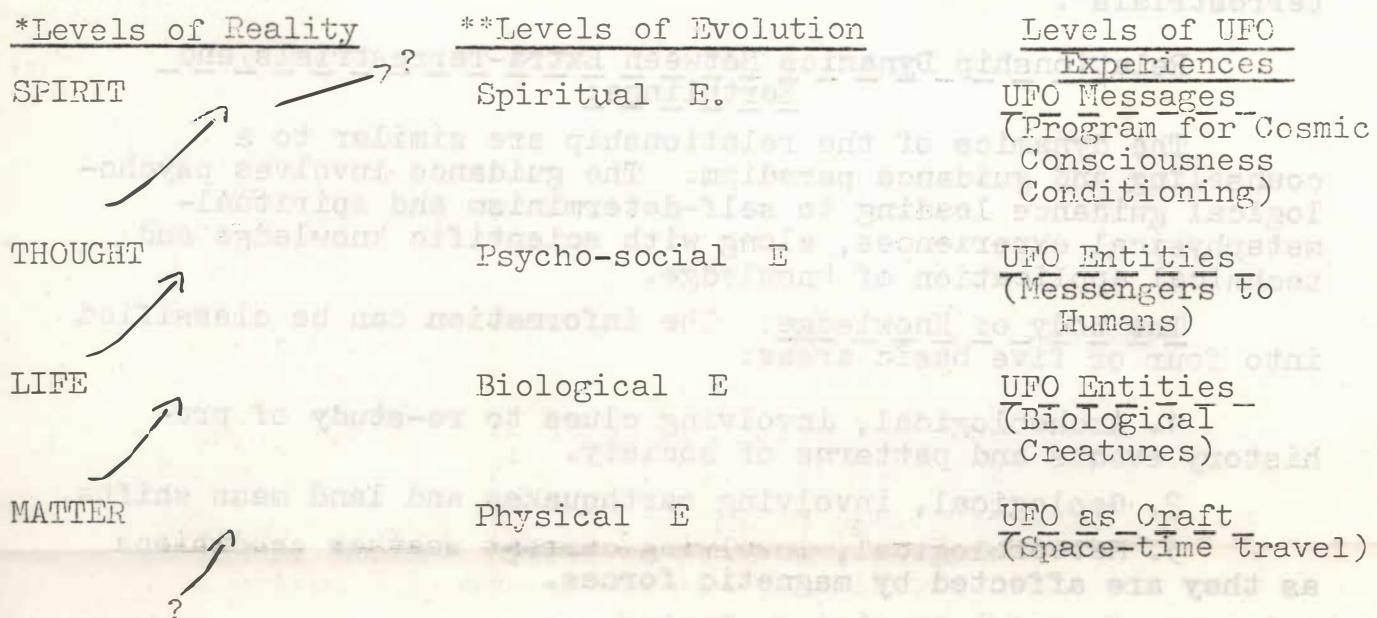
Audience Participation

Now, during the next few minutes, I propose that we take an imaginary journey, through time and space, to your first UFO sighting. Perhaps your first UFO sighting has occurred in the "past", perhaps it will occur in the "future"; perhaps you do not believe in the levels of reality of UFO phenomena, and you will use this exercise as a period of rest and relaxation!

In any event, I will offer some suggestions for muscular relaxation; some suggestions for concentration and imagination; some suggestions for contacting your spiritual guide, or imaginary guide; and some suggestions for experiencing your own UFO sighting; then, when we return to the normal state, feeling alert and refreshed, you will be able to recall your impressions and compare them with other information about UFO observations.

I thank you ladies and gentlemen, for your attention and your co-operation. I wish you well in your own search for more knowledge about the levels of reality in the UFO display.

A MODEL OF HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS AND UFO EXPERIENCES:



* P. Teilhard de Chardin:
"The Phenomenon of Man"
N.Y. Harper-Torch-book.1961.

** J. Huxley:
"Evolution in Action"
N.Y. Mentor book.1953.

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LIBRARY.

As you are aware, Australian postage is extremely high and our rather valuable and extensive Library once operated by mail.

We now have a Librarian who is keen to make this service once again available to members, and at Discussion Nights and General Meetings, members will now be able to hire books and return them either by post or at the next meeting.

We hope that members will attend these meetings and avail themselves of the use of some very interesting reading material.

"KIDNAPPED BY A U.F.O."

"A TWO-HOUR VOYAGE TO ANOTHER PLANET"

Credit - "Sun" Sydney N.S.W. - 26 Oct. 1978.

In one of the strangest UFO encounters on record, a Wyoming oil-rigger says he was kidnapped by an alien being, flown to another planet in a spaceship and then returned to earth unharmed.

As incredible as Carl Higdon's story sounds, separate hypnotic sessions conducted by two top psychologists show that he's not lying. A Psychological Stress Evaluation (PSE) analysis proves that Higdon believes he encountered space beings. And Higdon's claim that his abductors made his pickup truck vanish and reappear is supported by a Wyoming game warden who said it would have been impossible to drive the two-wheel drive truck into the mountainous range where it was found. The warden said the area is accessible only to four-wheel drive vehicles.

Higdon's fantastic encounter happened on 25 October 1974, when he drove his company pick-up truck to the Medicine Bow National Forest about 40 miles from his home in Rawlins, Wyo. He said he spent the entire day hunting elk but had no luck until about 4 pm.

"I saw five elk out on a meadow", the 45 year old oilman said. "There was a bull and four cows. I took aim with my rifle - a powerful gun that'll drop an elk with one shot - and fired. I saw the bullet come out of the barrel, travel about 50 feet and drop, which is unusual. I walked over and picked up the bullet. All that was left was the copper jacket - all the lead had melted.

"I heard something snap behind me, so I turned and looked. There was a being there. He was about my height - about six foot two in. and about 180 pounds. He was bow-legged and wearing a black scuba diving suit that covered him from the feet up. There were no hands at the ends of his arms - just empty sleeves. The right sleeve had a bar coming out of it and every time he waved the bar, something moved or disappeared. His face was Oriental - a yellowish brown, with slanted eyes. He had no lower jaw. His hair was like straw - about the same colour. It looked like he had antennae on his head, but it could have been his hair.

"He spoke to me in English. He said, 'Do you want to go with us?' I said I might as well and he gestured towards his craft."

Higdon said the space-craft was small, rectangular-shaped, and made of a clear, transparent material. He said there were no doors on the spaceship.

"The next thing I knew, we were inside (the spaceship). The being moved his arm and we went up and hovered just above the trees. My pick-up truck was below, but the being waved his arm and it just disappeared. The next thing I noticed was something about the size of a basketball below us. I figured it was earth. I asked him where he was going and he said, 'To our planet'. Then the earth disappeared. The being said his name was 'Ausso 1', and asked my name. I told him my name, then asked him what he was doing on earth. He said he was hunting, fishing and exploring. Then I saw their planet. It was like a big ball going around and around with all different coloured lights. I told Ausso the lights hurt my eyes and he said, 'Your sun burns us'.

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"We landed in front of this building and the next thing I knew we were standing on a platform outside the building. I don't know how high the building was because there was nothing to go by - no trees, nothing".

Higdon said the alien took him into the building and up to the third floor on an elevator-like device. There he was led into a large room, where he said he was given some sort of examination.

"Then Ausso said, 'You're not what we want. We'll take you back'. We went back down and outside and the light hurt my eyes again. Then I saw five humans. They looked like ordinary Americans to me and I figured they were brought there like I was."

"Then we were in the vehicle and it took off. Ausso said he'd been coming to earth about 10 years. He said he comes to fish and hunt because there's no fish or game on his planet and they need food. He said they also go to other planets for food."

"Suddenly we were back, hovering over the trees. Ausso handed me my gun and the next thing I knew, I was standing on the ground looking up at him. He said, 'We'll see you', and he was gone. After Ausso left, I was in a totally confused state. I really didn't know who I was or what I was doing".

Higdon said he wandered around for a while before he found his truck, which was stuck in the mud a mile and a half from where he'd parked it when he started hunting. He said he somehow managed to get on the truck's two-way radio and call for help. That was about 6 pm, and a search party using four-wheel drive vehicles found Higdon about midnight.

"I know that area and it's really tough terrain", said Wyoming game warden Dennis Smith. "There's no way you can make it in there in a two-wheel drive vehicle. It's even rough with a four-wheel drive".

Higdon's rescuers took him to hospital where he was examined by Dr. Russ Tongco. "Carl had no physical injuries", Dr. Tongco said. "I found no evidence of a concussion or anything. But he kept telling me about his visit to this strange planet. He couldn't even remember his wife, but he was describing his experience so vividly. It was weird". Dr. Tongco said he ran tests to see if Higdon had poisoned himself or was taking drugs. "But all the tests were normal. We couldn't find anything. My final diagnosis was amnesia".

Higdon spent three days in the hospital, and about a week later he was hypnotised and questioned by Dr. Leo Sprinkle, psychologist and professor of counselling services at the University of Wyoming.

"I believe Carl is telling the truth" Dr. Sprinkle said. "There's no other way I can account for the experience he describes and the things that happened to him. I believe he was taken aboard a craft, zoomed away somewhere, examined and brought back".

Dr. Ira A. Greenberg, a clinical psychologist and hypnotherapist in Los Angeles, placed Higdon in a trance and questioned him on 16 September 1978. The session was witnessed by Dr. Sidney Walter, a consultant to the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, and president of the California State Hypnosis Association.

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"I concluded that Carl Higdon is an honest man", said Dr. Greenberg, who acts as consultant to the Los Angeles Police Department. "He's very sincere in his belief. I don't believe he's trying to pull a hoax or make anything up". Dr. Walter added, "When he was asked about the bright lights, tears came to his eyes. It would have taken a very well-trained actor to do that. There's no doubt in my mind he was experiencing those lights under hypnosis".

Charles R. McQuiston, former U.S. intelligence officer and co-inventor of the Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE) also examined Mr. Higdon.

"Some parts of his statement show stress, but other parts show no stress at all, indicating he's telling the truth. For instance, when he says he hovered above the trees, the PSE charts shows he's being truthful. And when he says the alien waved his arm and the pickup truck disappeared, he fully believes he is telling the truth. According to the PSE test, something really did happen to the guy".

Higdon doesn't just believe - he knows - something happened to him.

"And it could happen to somebody else", he said. "One of these days they'll be back to pick me up because the last thing he said was, 'We'll see you....'".

SOCIETY NEWS.

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

Since we hold only two General Meetings each year, the Elections will be held at the General Meeting in the supper room of the Royal Society, 9 Victoria Street, Melbourne on December 10th about 8 p.m. Any nomination for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Committeemen, must be received by VUFORS not later than 14 days prior to the meeting, and signed by the nominee and proposer.

This will be a very brief Business meeting and we will then continue with general discussion and serve to make this our Christmas function.

DISCUSSION NIGHTS.

We have held only one Discussion Night so far and even though it was a very wet and cold night, we were very pleased with the attendance. We had some visitors attend with members and all joined the Society, so be sure to bring a friend with you! The next of these interesting nights will be held on Wednesday, October 8th at the same address as the above General Meeting and we hope even more will attend - there's plenty of room! For 50c we can cover cost of the hall and supper, so join in the discussion!

Members without transport and wishing to attend, please phone either Mrs. Magee on 5922502 or the Membership Secretary, Mr. Stafford Hall on 258627, and we can perhaps give you the name of another member who may be willing to pick you up when and if passing your door.

THE MAUREEN PUDDY INCIDENTHER THIRD ENCOUNTER

Judith Magee.

One Wednesday afternoon my phone rang and Maureen Puddy was on the other end of the line. This call came about six months after her second UFO experience.

Her rather agitated voice was saying that as she had been working around her home she could hear a voice saying "Maureen, Maureen, come to the meeting place". Her husband, an invalid in a wheelchair asked "who was there"? but there was no-one. On returning home, mild panic took over and she rang me to ask when we - Paul Norman and myself - could go with her to the meeting place. My reply was "what's wrong with tonight" and so arrangements were made.

We duly met her at the agreed location about dusk and were surprised to see her hurry from her car to our waiting vehicle. Quite out of breath she said she "nearly went off the road back there".

I told her I would go to the meeting place in her car and she could fill me in on the details. When I stepped into her car I felt a tingling sensation like a mild electrical shock which remained for several seconds, nevertheless I seated myself in her station wagon and we moved off.

Suddenly she said "he was sitting right there, where you are and I turned my head to look at him and almost went off the road". "He" apparently, had on a tin foil type suit, was quite small and didn't grace the front seat for very long.

We reached the meeting place, transferred our supper basket and thermos flasks, Paul took his seat in the back of Maureen's wagon and we were prepared to wait for something - what, we didn't know,

It wasn't very long, however, before Maureen grabbed my arm and said "There he is, I can see him in his tin-foil suit...over there! Can't you see him?" She had hold of my arm very tightly and was shaking me and asking if I could see him. I couldn't and explained it was probably like closed-circuit television from him to her. She was giving a running commentary on the actions of the entity who was apparently coming towards the car. She said he was so close that if I put my hand out of the car I could almost touch him. I thought I'd need a rather long arm as by this time I had moved closer to Maureen in an attempt to ease us both out of the car since the little entity had been beckoning her to follow, but she was determined not to go so Paul became the Guinea Pig and was invited to get out and take a walk around the car and ascertain what our little visitor would do.

When Paul came to the off-side front fender we asked Maureen what our little tinsel man had done and were told he had stepped back to allow Paul to walk between him and the car. Nothing happened to our hard-headed researcher Paul - he was not whisked off - and he got back into the car once again. By this time our little visitor was to Maureen obviously becoming a trifle impatient because he was beckoning to her as if he wished she would follow and make it snappy, but nothing was going to budge her. I said I'd go with her and tried to shove her out of the car but I think the steering wheel would have gone with her too if I'd managed to open the door. My curiosity was really roused by this time even though I couldn't see what she was describing.

There was a brief lull and Maureen groaned "Oh, I'm inside. It's a big round room with white walls and there's a big "mushroom" in the middle and the little man's pointing to it" Thereupon she commenced a description of this so-called mushroom. It was very large,

the inside of it was moving, as Maureen said, like a jelly. It had perpendicular lines on the top rounded portion and these looked to her similar to Roman numerals and there were also lines going around it. There was nothing else in the room. After a very cool, calm and collected description of the centre-piece of the object she began to look around further and became agitated because she could see no doors or windows and began to cry "I can't get out. I can't get out". I felt I had to do something to comfort this distraught woman so I put my arm around her shoulders and said "It's alright Maureen, we're here" but she was 'there' inside that room and not with us and still crying that she couldn't get out.

At this stage I was becoming very concerned about Maureen's state of health. Her panic at not being able to "get out" could perhaps cause her some serious ill-health so I considered I had nothing to lose and she may have something to gain if I directed my fears to the entity. After a brief moment she said "They want me to close my eyes". I thought perhaps she would go into a more peaceful trance-like state if she did but again she was determined not to bend to their will, then suddenly she went quiet and I felt her shoulders relax. Just when we thought we had passed the worst of it, her desperation at not being able to get out of that "room" became evident once more but after a while she said "he's gone". For a few minutes we sat in stunned silence then we asked if she'd now like a cup of tea.

As we three sat there talking about her experience and enjoying our tea and biscuits she said "Oh, I'm back there" and although we had the car lights on and she was still nursing her tea and biscuits, she proceeded to describe the interior again but not with the same drastic results. After this little episode Maureen finally said "He's gone". I asked "how do you know he's gone?" and her reply was "He's gone this time - it feels different".

This ended episode three of the Maureen Fuddy incident which was something I must admit I found rather exhilarating despite the poor woman's distress... I believe I have a slight impression of the feeling of excitement experienced by the hypnotists and interviewers of Betty and Barney Hill, Betty Andreasson and even Eridgey Murphy when their stories were unfolded in their presence. I have also often wondered what might have happened if I had persuaded Maureen to leave the car and both walk towards the entity who was beckoning her to follow.

To end the night, I drove home with Maureen in case of any repercussions from her eventful evening, while Paul followed in his car. It was rather late, but Maureen's husband was still up and we all talked it over again, over another cup of tea to prepare Paul and I for our long drive home.

ON THE U.F.O. TRAIL

by Paul Norman.

During September, 1979, I was on one of my swings through the Northwestern United States - an area which I had previously enjoyed, thanks to my early interest in the books of Zane Grey. Truly, the land where the deer and antelope play. That time of year those animals were out in force, all along the freeway, paying little attention to the roaring traffic.

My early interest had long been superseded by the intriguing UFO's. This particular trip was for the purpose of a visit with Dr. Leo Sprinkle, in Laramie, Wyoming. Dr. Sprinkle, of the Univ. of Wyoming, is one of the most outstanding UFO Researchers in North America, specializing in the field of hypnosis.

The case that was of the most mutual interest, second to Frederick Valentich's encounter, concerned a peculiar experience which occurred seven years prior, on the Mooraduc Road, near Frankston, Victoria, in 1972.

Leo Sprinkle, became interested in UFO's, after he became involved in a series of sightings in the Autumn of 1950. One day he and a colleague were leaving the Arts & Science Building of the University of Colorado, when they observed what seemed to be a round object with a metallic surface flying faster than a jet and without sound, from south to north. Later he and his wife witnessed another unusual object in the same area. After passing through various stages of disbelief, from scoffer to sceptic to unwilling believer, he came to the conclusion that he had to drop the "psychosis hypothesis" that only kooks see "flying saucers".

Since those experiences, Dr. Sprinkle appears to have been motivated to look into the subconscious for the ultimate answers to the UFO problem.

Over the years, I have interviewed a few witnesses who have claimed close encounters associated with blacked out memories. These reports, being out of my field of endeavour, have been "pigeon-holed" until the encounter of Maureen Puddy.

Two of her experiences have been covered in various publications, including a chapter written by my colleague, Judith Magee, for the paperback - "Encounter Cases from F.S.R." edited by Charles Bowen (Signet \$2.45).

Prior to this incident, my only experience with hypnosis was observation on the entertainment level. I had noted the subject, when told an article was there, he or she "saw" the suggested article. I had also noted that when told to perform a silly act like throwing their hat out the window, five minutes after being "snapped" out of the trance, if they did not perform the act they would have an impelling urge to do so.

My impressions and questions with regard to the Maureen Puddy case are that she may have been under hypnosis by someone. But if so, by whom? Was she reliving a former experience during a blackout, not remembering?

Are there entities, objects and communications outside the range of our normal visual and mental spectrum? Or is there some other reason we cannot understand?

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MY SON FREDERICK

BY GUIDO VALENTICH.

It is my pleasure for this privilege of expressing my own view concerning the disappearance of my son, Frederick, through The Australian UFO Bulletin.

It is almost two years since Frederick vanished, after reporting for the second time "that strange aircraft is hovering"2 seconds....."is hovering, and it's not an aircraft". About 8 seconds before radio contact was lost with Melbourne flight service at 1912:20 hours of October 21st, 1978, and for some technical reason my family and I had to learn the following day, Sunday 22nd, on Radio 3AW at 9.30 am, the tragic news of an aircraft disappearance between Cape Otway and King Island. Immediately, I started chasing the Department of Transport officials and after telephoning three different persons, finally had confirmation that it was my own son involved in the particular incident, and then I had to wait till 7.00 pm to know more details on the developments of search and rescue. But in the meantime about 10.30 am, news reporters started calling me and it was then for the first time that I learned that the incident was surrounded by a UFO case. It was on the 6 pm TV news that I saw sub-titles of what Frederick reported on radio and despite the great shock of the day, my wife and myself felt a little relief because we knew that Frederick was a firm believer in UFO's and perhaps he wouldn't mind having a close contact with a UFO.

On Monday, 23rd October, my telephone started ringing as early as 8 o'clock in the morning with an average of 15 min. intervals...calls were coming not only from Melbourne but interstate and also from overseas..U.S.A., New Zealand and Germany. It was in this instant that I realized how important the event was, especially when a person from the U.S.A. telephoned me for 20 minutes to encourage me to believe what Frederick reported, because he also had an experience of a UFO sighting in a remote air strip in the countryside at night. Plus many local calls and letters I've received from various people living near Sale, East Victoria and on the Peninsula who have seen a large light at night illuminating a football oval better than any artificial conventional light by the S.E.C., and in my judgement after about 50 of these encouraging statements from people that I never met concerning the unfortunate circumstances in which I was placed, I can only accept those to be very genuine and honest comments.

However, the Department of Transport was interested in rescue only of pilot in trouble and not saying much about UFO. Only when I asked them they admitted that was a rare case but denied UFO exist and yet they have performed one of the biggest searches for a private pilot, with four different aircraft including an Orion equipped with sophisticated devices such as airborne radar, low level radar and sonor detector and which came all the way from a S.A. R.A.A.F. Base.

Two weeks after Frederick's incident, the Search and Rescue Department from Tullamarine, invited me to their briefing office to show me the structure of four days search which they directed under a pre-calculated search plan. I was introduced to Mr. Eddie, Chief Co-ordinator Rescue, and Mr. Pat Maky, his assistant. In our conversation, there were few theories surrounding the incident which they cannot proclaim an accident, but unofficially (as usual) Mr. Eddie expressed his own opinion. Despite my broken heart from the incident he still said the Cessna simply ditched in the water and within a minute disappeared taking the pilot with it...without first investigating or considering that the long range Cessna 182 being

constructed with modular units certain sections of the plane should be floating in the event of a crash impact in the water. Secondly, with VHF (very high frequency) radio could not communicate below 1000 ft from the distance of 90 miles over Cape Otway Ranges. ...simply wouldn't get through; instead the communication with F.S. was loud and clear until the last word and also the 17 seconds of metallic noise at the end of the tape was clear; this confirmed that Frederick was still above 1000 ft above water and in my opinion he was still at 4500 ft at the time radio contact was lost.

Perhaps I could go on and on, quoting things relating to this incident....without a doubt, a UFO case, especially when we look at the Roy Manifold picture as you are aware by reading the "Australian UFO Bulletin June 1980". The computer analysis report on the Manifold original shows there to be a solid object and in my view it's the biggest back-up to what Frederick reported before he vanished, and yet no one from the Dept. of Transport or the authorities, to my knowledge, has done anything to re-open research or investigation in the case as they promised to me back in 1978; that they could re-open when they get something relating to the incident, and in my view there is sufficient scientific material to do something.

At this stage I can only admire Mr. Paul Norman, Vice-President of the Victorian UFO Research Society for his persistance and devotion on conducting research on this case with co-operation of a group of scientists. Perhaps in the near future we will learn more not only about my son Frederick, but other mysterious incidents as well.

U.F.O. SIGHTED.

"Chronicle" Camperdown

29/7/1980.

Two Camperdown men sighted an unidentified flying object last week.

They believe it was similar to the one reported by Warrnambool residents last Wednesday evening.

Mr. Peter Leishman said that he and Mr. Graeme Brown noted a long thin white cigar shaped cloud about 5-15 p.m. on Wednesday.

"It caught our attention because it didn't change shape" Mr. Leishman said "and because it was too regular to be a cloud".

"It was like a thick white line, slightly thicker in the middle, and black at the nose end".

"It was travelling very slowly across the skyline in the opposite direction to the clouds".

Mr. Leishman said that the object, which didn't appear to have wings, had no flashing lights and did not change color.

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From "STANDARD", Warrnambool, Vic.
1st July, 1980.

UFO probe over lost airman

A Victorian UFO Research Society official will spend six months in the Warrnambool district investigating the mystery disappearance of a Melbourne pilot in 1978.

Society vice-president Paul Norman arrived in Warrnambool yesterday to continue a study of reported sightings, strange noises and a photograph of a mystery object taken in the district.

His investigations will centre on the disappearance of Melbourne-based private pilot Frederick Valentich, between Cape Otway and King Island on October 21, 1978.

No traces of Valentich or his blue and white Cessna have been found since he told Melbourne Flight Service there was a strange object hovering above him.



MR NORMAN

His disappearance stunned aviation and Air Force officials and has become one of the biggest mysteries of Australian aviation history.

A society investigator interviewed seven Warrnambool and district residents in late October, 1978, after UFO sightings near the city on the same night as Valentich's disappearance.

Mr Norman said yesterday there was no doubt Valentich's disappearance was linked with a UFO.

He said in a recording of the conversation between Valentich and Melbourne Flight Service there was evidence of the plane's engine

coughing, four bright lights on the strange object and a metallic sound.

The six-month study would be more extensive than investigations first made by the group in 1978. Mr Norman said.

Photograph

He said the latest evidence in the mystery had been produced by an amateur Melbourne photographer who was taking photographs of a sunset at Cape Otway 20 minutes before Valentich was scheduled to pass the area.

His camera was set automatically and was taking one frame every 20 seconds.

One of the photographs shows a slight uprising in the sea and another shows a strange, blurred object much closer to the camera's position.

Computer analysis of the negatives by American scientists revealed a highly reflective area at the top of the image, indicative of a metallic structure.

Mr Norman said the Warrnambool sightings and the photographs were the most important clues to the Valentich disappearance in Victoria.

He said his studies during the next six months would include interviews and electromagnetic studies in areas where UFOs were sighted.

Mr Norman appealed to anyone with information of a "close encounter" on the day Valentich disappeared to contact the society.

The Standard, Wednesday, July 23, 1980

Sighting may be clue on missing pilot

The Victorian UFO Research Society yesterday appealed to fishermen reported to have seen a strange object under the sea near Cape Otway in 1978 to contact the organisation.

Society vice-president Mr Paul Norman believes the reported sighting could be a lead in the mystery disappearance of Melbourne pilot Frederick Valentich.

He also believes it could be linked with photographs of a strange object taken by an amateur photographer near Cape Otway only 20 minutes before Valentich told Melbourne Flight Services he was being buzzed by a UFO.

Mr Norman has gained permission to have computer analysis photographs of the UFO reprinted in a bid to gain more information about a series of sightings and strange noises reported on the day Valentich disappeared.

He has been making follow-up investigations in the Warrnambool district since early this month and said if the reports about the fishermen's sighting could be confirmed, it would be "a key piece in the puzzle".

One person Mr Norman interviewed said she overheard a conversation about the fishermen's sighting.

She said there was also talk that the fishermen had photographed the object.

"I think there could be a link between what the fishermen saw and the photographs," he said.

The photographs were taken by Melbourne plumber Roy Manifold at Crayfish Bay, near Cape Otway.

He was taking sequence color photographs of a sunset at about 20-second intervals and did not see the object.

Mr Norman said after the photographs were processed Mr Manifold contacted the society and told it they had been taken on the day Valentich disappeared.

The photographs were analysed by the Civilian Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation in Arizona, America.

Mr Norman said the group included physicists, aero-space engineers and photographic physicists and had access to multi-million dollar computer equipment.

The computer photographic analysis interpretation by the organisation said the picture taken by Mr Manifold showed "an anomalous image" which appeared to be surfacing from the water.

It said the object shown in another frame represented a "bona fide" unknown flying object, apparently surrounded by a cloud-like vapor-exhaust residue.

According to the interpretations, the unidentified "metallic" object was at the top of the cloud-like image and, allowing for distance, about six metres wide and 1.2 metres deep.

The Victorian UFO Research Society claims that the distance between the object in consecutive frames suggested that it was

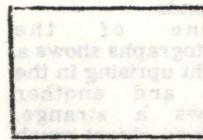
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